



## DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

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### November 5, 2004 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting convened at 9:20 am. Roll was taken and a quorum established.

#### Members Present:

Newton Gordon, DDS  
George SooHoo, DDS  
La Donna Drury-Klein, RDA  
Richard Benveniste, DDS  
Kevin Biggers, Public  
Brandon Hernandez, Public  
Lawrence Hundley, DDS  
Alan Kaye, DDS  
Patricia Osuna, RDH  
Michael Pinkerton, Public  
Kamran Sahabi, DDS  
Ariane Terlet, DDS  
Chester Yokoyama, DDS

#### Members Absent:

David Baron, Public

#### Agenda Item 1 - Approval of Minutes:

It was m/s/c (Kaye/Biggers) to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2004 board meeting with the following amendments:

Ms. Cynthia Gatlin noted the dollar amount reported as the closing budget was incorrect. She will be providing the correct amount for the record.

Ms. Norine Marks noted a correction to Agenda Item 5. The motion was to adopt the modified text and delegate to Ms. Gatlin the authority to adopt the regulation in the event no negative comments were received.

Dr. Yokoyama requested that Ms. Deutsch's public comment be included as part of the official minutes. Ms. Deutsch's comments were not included due to the inability to hear her testimony on the recording. Dr. Yokoyama will assist the Executive Secretary with transcribing Ms. Deutsch's comments.

## Agenda Item 2 - President's Report:

Mr. Pinkerton informed the board of his employment with the Senate Rules Committee. As a result, he will be waving his per diem for board meetings while in this position.

Dr. Newton Gordon stated his observations as being board president for the past year. Some of his main concerns were:

- The relationship and regard for those from the outside has had for the dental board. The Dental Board has been viewed as an enemy of dentistry. It is a myth that the board is working very hard to disspell.
- On the Examination side, there are major changes, which have to be made over the next year or two. We will now have the impact of the Western Regional Board and eventually other boards. We are making changes to the way we do business.
- A lot of people believe the board has money and that the board can function without limitations, as far as finances are concerned. We do have money, but we cannot spend it. The State runs on a budget and we have to work within our budget. It does not have anything to do with income. This process will be explained later on the budget report.
- Again, we must improve our relationship with our stakeholders. This should be a major goal of the board.
- The next issue is concurrence between board members and administrative staff. There has been an improvement in relationships over the past six months.
- Overall, the board has done well over the past year. Dr. Gordon thanked all the board members for their contributions to the success of this board.

Mr. Kevin Biggers thanked Dr. Gordon for his leadership for the past year.

## Agenda Item 3 – Executive Officer's Report:

Ms. Cynthia Gatlin introduced Ms. Sherry Mehl, Chief Deputy Director for the Department of Consumer Affairs, and Ms. Katherine Demos of the Legislative & Regulatory Review Division.

Ms. Gatlin reported the following:

- She had the opportunity to visit Dr. Terlet's clinic in the Fruitvale area and thanked her for the astounding job she is doing in that community. She also informed the board of an article in the New York Times about Dr. Terlet's work in the Bay Area Community. Ms. Gatlin also had a chance to visit with Dr. Gordon at the San Francisco Hospital.
- Introduced our new Budget Analyst, Ms. Melodie Haas. Mr. Richard DeCuir and Ms.

Haas gave a very detailed report. Several handouts were given to the members showing how the budget got to where it is today, what we can afford to do in the future and what changes have taken place.

#### Agenda Item 4 – Chief of Enforcement's Report

Chief of Enforcement, Ms. Lynn Thornton, gave an overview of the Enforcement Unit's activities for the past year. She will be working with the Chair of the Enforcement Committee to set goals and priorities for the upcoming year.

#### Agenda Item 5 – Review of Licensure by Credential Report to the Legislature

The Licensure by Credential Coordinator, Ms. Karen Davies and Mr. Scott Christman of the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development Division gave a brief overview of the statistics provided in the report to the legislature.

It was m/s/c (Terlet/Biggers) to accept the report.

#### Agenda Item 6 – Adoption of Modified Text to 16 CCR § 1042 – et seq. – Dental Loan Repayment Program

It was m/s/c (Terlet/Pinkerton) to adopt the modified text as presented.

#### Agenda Item 7 – Adoption of Modified Text to 16 CCR § 1041 – RT Exam

Dr. George SooHoo provided some background information on the RT Examination and the use of certain typodonts. Dr. SooHoo stated the following: "The passage rate for the RT for the past 20-30 years have been around 30-35%. When I was appointed Chair of the Examination Committee, I put together a Taskforce of nine people to look at all the different typodonts available (i.e., Acudental, Columbia, Kilgore). We took all different types of teeth (composite, acrylic, porcelain, ceramic) as well. Educators, private practitioners, board members and examiners were a part of the taskforce. This very diversified group looked at types of typodonts, type of teeth and what would work well in a testing environment. There are typodonts good for teaching and there are typodonts good for testing. For testing, you need a typodont that would calibrate well from one examiner to another. The Kilgore was found to be the best typodont for this testing environment.

It was m/s/c (Terlet/Benveniste) to adopt the modified text.

#### Agenda Item 8 – Set 2005 Meeting Dates

It was m/s/c (Klein/Osuna) to approve the amended calendar for 2005. The meeting dates will be as follows: January 27-28 in San Diego, March 10-11 in San Francisco, May 5-6 in Los Angeles, August 11-12 in San Francisco and November 3-4 in San Diego.

## Agenda Item 9 – COMDA Report

- 9.1 Approval of RDA Educational Programs –It was m/s/c (Klein/Osuna) to grant provisional approval.
- 9.2 Approval of Ultrasonic Scaling Courses – It was m/s/c (Hundley/Kaye) to approve with changes and set for hearing.
- 9.3 RDA's Applying for Pit and Fissure Sealants – It was m/s/c (Biggers/Kaye) to approve and set for hearing.
- 9.4 Establish Fee for Dental Students – It was m/s/c (Osuna/Klein) to set the fee at \$495.
- 9.5 Proposed Changes to 1079.2 – It was m/s/c (Klein/Biggers) to accept the proposed changes and set for hearing.
- 9.6 RDHAP Prescription Requirement – Dr. Gordon appointed the following members to a subcommittee to review this issue:
  - Patricia Osuna, RDH
  - Kevin Biggers, Public
  - George SooHoo, DDS
  - Chester Yokoyama, DDS
  - Ariane Terlet, DDS

## Agenda Item 10 – Diversion Evaluation Committee Liaison Report

- 10.1 It was m/s/c to approve John Bettinger, DDS to a 4-year term in Southern California.
- 10.2 The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statistics were provided as information only.

It was m/s/c to accept the report as presented by the committee chair.

## Agenda Item 11 – Foreign Dental School Ad Hoc Committee Report

It was m/s/c (Klein/SooHoo) to grant final approval of certification to De La Salle as recommended by the TAG.

## Agenda Item 12 –Licensing Committee Report

It was m/s/c (Hundley/Osuna) to accept the report as presented.

## Agenda Item 13 – Anesthesia Committee Report

It was m/s/c (Klein/Hundley) to accept the report as presented.

#### Agenda Item 14 – Examination Committee Report

It was m/s/c (Pinkerton/Hundley) to accept the report as presented.

#### Agenda Item 15 – Continuing Education Committee Report

It was m/s/c (Kaye/Klein) to accept the report as presented.

#### Agenda Item 16 – Exam Appeals Committee Report

It was m/s/c (Pinkerton/Biggers) to accept the report as presented.

#### Agenda Item 17 – Legislative Committee Report

It was m/s/c (Hundley/Osuna) to accept the report as presented.

#### Agenda Item 18 – Election of Officers

It was m/s/c (Hundley/Biggers) for the existing slate of officers to serve another year in office.

#### Public Comment:

Comments were given by Dr. Cadra.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.